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CANADIAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SEMINARS

The various provinces and territories in Canada are committed to attracting new migrants and as such local government representatives often visit Europe to enlighten potential migrants as to the benefits of living and working in their individual regions.

Seminars were recently held at Canada House in Amsterdam by the Alberta Regional government for Migration Bureau clients. The seminars which were highly attended proved to be very informative.

Frances Wolfe of the Nova Scotia Government visited the UK to promote the region as a potential migrant destination.

For more information visit;
www.gov.ab.ca - Alberta Regional Government
www.gov.ns.ca - Nova Scotia Regional Government



Frances Wolfe of the Nova Scotia Government meets Ralph Gerritsen of the Migration Bureau

New Zealand- Staff Training Course at NZIS

The visa department and business desk of the Migration Bureau's London office recently attended a training course organised by the New Zealand Immigration Service (NZIS) at the New Zealand High Commission. The course covered a range of topics including guidance on how to submit an application ensuring trouble-free processing and minimal delays.

Victoria Government seminars at Australia House

Migration Bureau clients attended a seminar held at Australia House in London by the State Government of Victoria. Clients were informed about the range of regional skills and business visa sponsorship opportunities available. The various services the local government provides to potential migrants were also highlighted.

For more information visit;
www.migration.vic.gov.au



Iain Marland of the Australian State Government of Victoria with Grant King and Nicky McClure of the Migration Bureau.

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For updates visit www.migrationbureau.com

DISCOUNTS on household removals

The Migration Bureau welcomes Excess Baggage to the Settlement Services programme enhancing the services we offer our UK clients in the area of household and excess baggage services. Excess Baggage are the UK's leading providers of excess and unaccompanied luggage services, handling well over 20,000 shipments every year. They are also able to assist with full house removals to all major destinations and provide a discount to Migration Bureau clients.

www.excess-baggage.com

Other specialist removal companies who also offer discounts to our clients include;

Avalon Overseas Movers
www.avalon-overseas.com

Anglo Pacific
www.anglo-pacific.co.uk

Van Kralingen (Netherlands)
www.utsvan-kralingen.com



BAY OF PLENTY, NEW ZEALAND: Calling all Business Migrants

The Migration Bureau teamed up with the inward investment team from Priority One, based in the Bay of Plenty in New Zealand, to hold a series of seminars in London and Amsterdam. The purpose of the seminars was to give participants the information they need to turn their dream of living and doing business in New Zealand into a reality.



Bill Murphy of Priority One speaks at a seminar at New Zealand House, London.

As summed up by Bill Murphy, Priority One's Inward Investment Manager

"When considering where to live in New Zealand why not live where New Zealanders most want to live – Tauranga, in the Bay of Plenty."

For information on business opportunities in the Bay of Plenty visit www.priorityone.co.nz

Centrestone visits the UK and The Netherlands

Centrestone, one of the Migration Bureau's financial partners based in Australia is dedicated to providing a highly professional and personal service to our clients. As such, Paul Thorpe-Apps and his colleague have made a couple of trips to the UK and The Netherlands in order to meet one on one with our clients and discuss any financial issues or questions they may have regarding their intending move to Australia. If you are interested in meeting with Paul during one of his next visits please contact Suzanne Carter – settlement@migrationbureau.com.

For more information visit - www.centrestone.com.au

CANADIAN IMMIGRATION EXPERTS

The Migration Bureau is pleased to welcome Genevieve Pellerin and Tracey Dowdeswell to our team in Canada. Both are lawyers and between them have considerable experience in immigration law. Genevieve was called to the Barreau du Quebec and to the Law Society of Upper Canada late 2002 and has worked at the Federal Court of Canada. Tracey was called to the Bar in British Columbia in June 2002 and soon after started her own practice, concentrating in the areas of immigration and refugee law. They join Alan Davies who has many years experience with Canadian immigration processing and who is also a member of the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants (CSIC).



Genevieve Pellerin



Tracey Dowdeswell



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CHOOSE MALAYSIA AIRLINES

If you are migrating to Australia or New Zealand why not arrive in style and comfort? Malaysia Airlines regularly flies from Amsterdam and London to Auckland and most Australian cities. Malaysia Airlines is consistently voted amongst the top 5 airlines in the world and with the quality of its cabin staff, award-winning food and seatback TV on all routes it is easy to see why. All flights transit via Kuala Lumpur and the city's modern international airport offers a wide variety of facilities including lots of shopping potential.

To find out more about the airline, what's currently showing on the inflight entertainment, where your nearest office is or what packages are being offered visit www.malaysiaairlines.com.

Ask about the Migration Bureau promotion to win two free tickets flying with Malaysia Airlines to Australia or New Zealand. Contact us at settlement@migrationbureau.com.



NEW ZEALAND ON-SHORE FINANCE SPECIALISTS

Broadbase Ltd and KPMG are the two most recent new companies to have joined the Settlement Services programme. Both are based in New Zealand and are able to offer our clients specialised financial advice. Jeremy Henderson from Broadbase Ltd and Jonathan Baskeyfield from KPMG are migrants from the UK and therefore have financial services experience in both countries.

Jeremy can assist with pension transferrals, medical and life assurance, New Zealand mortgages and can also provide investment advice. Jonathan specialises in private and corporate tax consulting and provides an invaluable service for those considering starting their own business.

Broadbase Ltd
www.broadbase.co.nz/immigrate
KPMG
www.kpmg.co.nz



Excellent Currency Exchange Rates

The Migration Bureau's ongoing relationship with three well-known UK based currency exchange companies is proving to be of great benefit to clients. HIFX, Moneycorp and Currencies Direct offer access to wholesale exchange rates which are usually only available to large corporate companies. This benefits Migration Bureau clients by enabling them to save literally thousands of dollars. HIFX and Currencies Direct also have offices in New Zealand and/or Australia which means clients based in these countries can also benefit from the excellent exchange rates offered.

HIFX

www.hifx.co.uk

Moneycorp

www.moneycorp.com

Currencies Direct

www.currenciesdirect.com



Migration Bureau website launch

In July 2004 the Migration Bureau launched its new look website – www.migrationbureau.com. The website provides a wealth of information including an outline of the immigration regulations for New Zealand, Australia and Canada, regular immigration updates and destination information and useful links. There is also a Client Log In area which enables existing clients to contact any member of the Migration Bureau team with their particular request. Online forms are also available for those who would like a free assessment as to their eligibility to migrate to New Zealand, Australia and Canada.

Western Australia Government Presents Seminar

Georgie Hawkins of the Western Australian Government provided Migration Bureau clients with an insight into life in the region and the reasons why it is such a popular destination for new migrants.

Western Australia provides a high quality of life and numerous opportunities for business and skilled migrants and Perth is often ranked as the most liveable city in Australia.

For more information on the region and the opportunities available visit www.westernaustralia.com



Georgie Hawkins of the Western Australia Government presents an enlightening seminar to Migration Bureau clients.

TRAINING AT AUSTRALIA HOUSE

Migration Bureau staff recently attended a training seminar held by the Western Australia Government at Australia House in London. The seminar focused on the State Government and Regional immigration policy changes, some of which have been introduced to encourage new skilled migrants to settle outside of the main metropolitan areas in Australia.



Migration Bureau staff at Australia House. Left to right: Nicky McClure, Juliet Whitcombe, Ralph Gerritsen, Doug Cowan.

MIGRATION BUREAU FEATURED ON BBC TV PROGRAMME

The Migration Bureau was featured on The BBC2 "Get a New Life" programme which shows the reality of relocation. One of our clients and his family were chosen to appear on the programme, which was aired to over 4 million viewers, as they prepared for their move to Australia. The cameras also followed them to Australia where the highs and lows of their settling-in process were filmed. Overall, their move was a great success and the Migration Bureau managed to assure that the family's visas were issued to fit in with the filming schedule.

Migration Bureau staff welcome visitors to their stand at Emigrate.

Emigrate is the largest show in Europe aimed at those seeking a new lifestyle in another country. It is an annual show and is held every March at Sandown Park Racecourse in Esher, Surrey. There is a wealth of information available at the show offering help and advice to those considering a move overseas. The Migration Bureau exhibits at the show every year and is able to provide invaluable immigration advice to anyone interesting in living in New Zealand, Australia and Canada.



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SOUTHLAND SEEKS SKILLS

Invercargill and Southland continue to seek migrants with the right skills to enjoy not only a vibrant and welcoming community but also real job opportunities in a market with just over a 2% unemployment rate. With such shortages in areas such as healthcare, the trades, engineering and agriculture, Venture Southland recently attended the NZ Opportunities Expo in London with The Southland District Health Board, Advanced Personnel and property development firm, Wensley Developments.

Over the past two years Venture Southland has been involved with assisting approximately 50 migrants and their families to move to Southland, and will continue to offer assistance to migrants and direct those looking for employment or investment opportunities to the right employers or opportunities. Venture Southland will also spend much of this year further developing settlement processes for migrants and local employers. The most important advice that Venture Southland can give when you are considering migration to New Zealand is do your homework and if possible visit New Zealand and



get a feel for the whole country. After all, whilst employment opportunities can dictate location, making a home in a new city, region or country is a major emotional decision and you never know when you might discover a real gem, like Southland.

If you would like more information on job opportunities and life in Southland, please go to www.moveto.southlandnz.com.

DISCOUNTED AIRFARES FOR CLIENTS

Air New Zealand offers Migration Bureau clients moving to Australia or New Zealand discounts on one-way fares for flights departing from the UK or from Europe via London. The airline is also able to offer a total baggage allowance of 64kg per person which includes two pieces of luggage.

Qantas and Singapore Airlines also offer similar discounts as well as an extra baggage allowance of 20kg per person, free of charge.

For more information visit
www.airnewzealand.co.uk
www.qantas.com.au
www.singaporeair.com



SOUTH AUSTRALIA GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCE NEW REGIONAL VISA

The Migration Bureau recently held seminars for UK clients in London and Dutch, German and Belgium clients in Amsterdam. The main speaker was Scott Oster of the South Australian Government who announced the new regional visa to capacity audiences of Migration Bureau clients

The Skilled Independent Regional Visa came into effect on 1st July 2004 and was introduced because there is a recognised need to increase skilled migrants to regional Australia. Adelaide, the capital of South Australia, is the only mainland capital city that it is possible to migrate to under this new visa. For more information on the opportunities available in South Australia for this and other visa classes visit www.immigration.sa.gov.au.

Due to high demand, the Migration Bureau regularly holds seminars in London and The Netherlands. The seminars are free and by invitation only so if you are interested in attending a future seminar please contact your nearest Migration Bureau office for more details.



Scott Oster of the South Australian Government addresses a capacity audience of Migration Bureau clients



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Our People

Meet the Migration Bureau team



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Ultimately, we know we will be judged by our people. Clients of the Migration Bureau are supported by a team of dedicated professionals, most of whom originate from New Zealand, Australia and Canada. Your first point of contact will be with the Client Services Agent in your local region. This guide will help you to put a face to a name.



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